(i) Creation of Consultancy Reserve Fund.

(ii) Exemption of 100 per cent of export income from the purview of Income Tax.

(iii) Establishment of an Indian Consultancy Centre.

Recommendation at (i) is being pursued by the Department of Science and Technology. As regards recommendation at S. No. (ii) Government has already allowed 50 per cent exemption of Income-Tax on export income. As regards recommendation at S. No. (iii), a Consultancy Development Centre has been created with the support from Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

International Seminar on food held in Bangladesh

462. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an International Seminar on "Floods—Regional and Global Environmental Perspectives" was held in Bangladesh on 4th March, 1989;

(b) whether 15 countries participated in the Seminar; and

(c) if so, what were the main decisions arrived thereat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Over 20 countries are reported to have participated in the International Seminar at Dhaka on 4th March, 1989. The recommendations include conducting studies at regional and global levels to take care of floods and establishment of an International Institute of Environmental Studies at Dhaka.

Indian currency received at Patna airport

463. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian currency received at Patna airport from Nepal was returned back; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) On the 27th March, 1989, one Royal Nepal Airlines chartered plane arrived at Patna airport with some Indian currency from the Nepal Rashtriya Bank for remittance to the Reserve Bank of India, Patna. The documents presented for customs clearance at Patna airport were examined by the customs authorities in consultation with the officials of the Reserve Bank of India, Patna, in the context of the expiry of the Indo-Nepal Treaties of Trade and Transit on the 23rd March, 89. Meanwhile, the Royal Nepal Airlines plane flew back to Kathmandu. The plane later arrived on 6th April, 89, with the currency notes and the same were allowed clearance through customs at Patna airport.

International spices fair held at Cochin

464. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an International Spices Fair was held recently at Cochin;

(b) if so, the salient features of the conclusion arrived at the fair; and

(c) the number of contracts signed by Indian trading community with the foreign buyers and the amount of foreign exchange likely to be earned from these deals?